(6) One to represent Agricultural Interests,

(7) Two retired officers of Railway (Member of Board/General Manager);

(8) Such other Members as the Minister may appoint to represent interests, which he/she considers are necessary to be represented on the council.

Note: Persons holding assignments of profit connected with the Railways e g. catering and vending contractors, Out Agency contractors, handling contractors, engineering contractors, Rail Travellers' Service Agents and State/Central Government Servant etc. are debarred from the membership of the Railway Users' Consultative Committees and the National Railway Users' Consultative Council.

Frequent Traveller Scheme

4757. SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) faced with decreasing patronage by higher class passengers, whether the Railways proposes to launch a frequent traveller scheme;

(b) if so, whether this scheme would be made applicable for use only during lean season when the occupancy is low;

(c) whether occupancy in upper classes are low at around 20 per cent during lean season; and

(d) the percentage of full fare paying passengers in upper classes of Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains where food is also included?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) As an incentive to the passengers travelling in 1st AC, 2 AC & AC Chair Car classes, Frequent Rail Travellers scheme is being launched. The scheme will be applicable for the whole year with differential benefits during peak and non-peak seasons.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No separate data is maintained.